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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, CY, PGOV, GR

SUBJECT: DANGER SIGNALS IN PRESENT PHASE OF CYPRIOT CRISIS

1. AS I PUT TOGETHER ELEMENTS OF RECENTLY AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED  
THAT CONTINUED FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE  
COULD LEAD TO A RIGHTIST COUP IN CYPRUS AND THE  
WEAKENING OF KARAMANLIS' POSITION WITH THE MILITARY.  
THERE IS EVIDENCE THE GREEK MILITARY ARE BECOMING  
DISILLUSIONED WITH VTHE U.S. ROLE IN THE CYPRUS CRISIS,  
FEELING WE HAVE NOT PLAYED STRAIGHT WITH THEM. IN  
ADDITION, GENERAL IOANNIDES, STILL SITTING AT HIS DESK

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IN THE GREEK PENTAGON, HAS STATED GREEK MILITARY MAY

TAKE OVER AGAIN AND IF THEY DO HE WILL NOT BE LEADER, BUT THOSE WHO WILL BE HOSTILE BOTH TO THE TURKS AND THE U.S., AND PRESUMABLY NATO. FINALLY, GENERAL BONANOS HAS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THE SITUATION "EXTREMELY SERIOUS" AND GREEK MILITARY MUST STAND BY, PRESUMABLY FOR THE WORST EVENTUALITIES. MILITARY INEVITABLY LIKELY TO BE QUITE UNEASY WITH THE RETURN OF HOSTILE EXILED ELEMENTS, AS WELL AS THE REVIVAL OF LEFTIST AND PRO-COMMUNIST PRESS AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF LEFT GENERALLY.

2. I REALIZE HOW DIFFICULT IT MUST BE TO RECONCILE SATISFACTORILY ALL OF OUR INTERESTS IN THIS CRISIS, BUT I DO WANT TO UNDERLINE THE DANGEROUS SITUATION IN WHICH WE NOW FIND OURSELVES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REPEAT MY VIEW THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO KEEP THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING OUT OF THIS CRISIS ON THE LONDON-ZURICH SIGNATORIES, PARTICULARLY THE BRITISH WHO HAVE MUCH AT STAKE ON HOW THIS CRISIS COMES OUT, WHILE FULLY PROTECTING OUR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. THE DECLARATION AGREED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE, TURKEY AND THE UK, WHICH ITS CAREFULLY DRAFTED IMPLIED REFERENCE TO THE LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENTS, INDICATES AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK.  
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